MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: അവശസമുദായത്തിൽപെട്ടവരല്ലാത്തവർ ആരെങ്കിലും ഈ ർ ം വിദ്യർത്ഥികളുടെ കൂട്ടത്തിൽപെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: That is extremely unlikely. Mostly they were Pulayas, Parayas, and Kuravas.

Students in the Sri Chitra Harijan Hostel, Trivandrum.

142 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of students admitted to and given aid in the Sri Chitra Harijan Hostel, Trivandrum, during the last year, the number among them who sat for the Government examination, the number of successful candidates and the number expelled from the Hostel for having failed in the examination?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Number admitted and given aid during the year 1114-15... 42
Number of students who sat for the Government examinations (the Malayalam Higher, the E. S. L. C., the Intermediate and the B. A. Degree Examinations)... 12
Number of successful candidates ... 2
Number sent away from the Hostel for having failed in the examinations ... 8

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: കഴിഞ്ഞ വർഷത്തിൽ ർ ഛ പേരെ ചേർത്തു; അതിൽ ഫ ഛ പേരെ പബ ളിക്ക് പരീക്ഷയ്ക്ക അയച്ചതിൽ രണ്ടുപേർമാത്രമേ വിജയികളായി കാണുന്നുള്ളൂ. ജയിച്ചവരുടെ എണ്ണം ഇത്രമാത്രം കുറയുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണു?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I do not think that the Protector of Backward Communities is competent to answer that question.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: ബുദ്ധിയുടെ കുറവുകൊണ്ടാണൊ ഇങ്ങിനെ സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: That is a matter of opinion, Sir.

Acting Inspectors of Police.

143 *MR. D. FRANCIS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of names, qualifications and the date of appointment etc., of the acting Police Inspectors from 1-1-1100 to 1-1-1115?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: The statement is laid on the table.

Ferry near the Railway bridge across the Alwaye river.

144 *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN (*Kunnathad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the desirability of abolishing the ferry near the Railway bridge across the Alwaye river and in lieu of it arrange for passengers to make use of the railway bridge for crossing the river?

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MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Chief Engineer*): Pedestrians cannot use the Railway bridge.

Qualifications for recruitment as Constables.

145. * MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any examination qualification is prescribed for constables recruited to the Police Department at present;

(*b*) if so what;

(*c*) if examination qualification is not compulsory at present, whether any examination qualification was compulsory at any time before;

(*d*) if so, what that examination qualification was; and

(*e*) if examination qualification is not compulsory at present, the date from which such an arrangement came into effect?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A †statement is appended.

(*e*) 1-2-1112/16-9-1936.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരെ റിക്രൂട്ട് ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ പോലീസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരായിരുന്നവരുടെ മക്കളെ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയിൽനിന്നും ഒഴിവാക്കിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: That was the case previously, Sir, not now.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know what necessitated the change of policy in regard to qualifications for recruitment as constables?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I am not aware when the change came about. Before I came here I found that to be the policy. Possibly I think there should not be any hard and fast rule in the matter of educational qualifications, especially for selection of men in a department like the Police and the Army. I could even say, that is not necessary.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I ask, should not a policeman know at least how to write a diary?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: He should know that of course. If the man knows to read and write well, that is enough educational qualification. In fact, in the Travancore police force, there is no illiterate. That is what I have stated in the Administration Report. Nowhere in India such a state of thing exists.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether that does not pre-suppose that one should be qualified to write also?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Of course, Sir

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